WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. 1 A method processing a function call, comprising: receiving a first function call in a first programming 2 3 language; 4 translating the first function call into a second 5 function call in a second programming language: transmitting a lightweight directory access protocol 6 7 function call, corresponding to the second function call, to a software service; 8 9 receiving results from the software service; formatting the results to correspond to the first 10 11 programming language; and 12 returning the formatted results.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the first programming language is Visual Basic.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1; wherein the first programming language is C#.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the second programming language is C.
- The method of claim 1, wherein the software service is

 Microsoft Lightweight Directory Access Protocol

 Software Development Kit.

1	6.	A data processing system having at least a processor
2		and accessible memory, comprising:
3		means for receiving a first function call in a first
4		programming language;
5		means for translating the first function call into a
6		second function call in a second programming
7		language;
8		means for transmitting a lightweight directory access
9		protocol function call, corresponding to the
10		second function call, to a software service;
11 .		means for receiving results from the software service;
12		means for formatting the results to correspond to the
13		first programming language; and
14		means for returning the formatted results.

- 7. The data processing system of claim 6, wherein the first programming language is Visual Basic.
- 1 8. The data processing system of claim 6, wherein the 2 first programming language is C#.
- 9. The data processing system of claim 6, wherein the second programming language is C.
- 1 10. The data processing system of claim 6, wherein the software service is Microsoft Lightweight Directory
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1	11.	A computer program product tangibly embodied in a
2		machine-readable medium, comprising:
3		instructions for receiving a first function call in a
4		first programming language;
5		instructions for translating the first function call
6		into a second function call in a second
7		<pre>programming language;</pre>
8		instructions for transmitting a lightweight directory
9		access protocol function call, corresponding to
10		the second function call, to a software service;
11		instructions for receiving results from the software
12		service;
13		instructions for formatting the results to correspond
14		to the first programming language; and
15		instructions for returning the formatted results.

- 1 12. The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the 2 first programming language is Visual Basic.
- 1 13. The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the first programming language is C#.
- 1 14. The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the second programming language is C.
- 1 15. The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the software service is Microsoft Lightweight Directory

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